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Local news

The Wyke Regis Society

Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting
no 414 held 7pm Tuesday 10th May
2022

at Wyke Regis Working Men's Club,
Portland Road
Contact Georgina Skipper,
g.skipper@btinternet.com

Members present:-

Chairperson – Georgina Skipper, Membership Sec/Sec. Jon Riley, Treasurer-Jean Hamdorff, Cllr Brian Heatley, Rosemary Lander, Cyril Perrin, Jeremy Pottos

Apologies:- Barry Walsh, Cllr Kate Wheller

Chairpersons Report:-

The web site for the Wyke Society had gone down, this was due to a payment renewal error by the host site.

An Annual General meeting for the Society will be set up for Tuesday, September 13th.

Members will be emailed to alert them of any litter picks in the area, this includes the litter picks on the Fleet. A roe deer was running around in Wyke Square one evening, it seems that it was chased by a large dog over by the 'Fat Badger' it had jumped the barbed wire fence and been injured. The police, dog warden and RSPCA were informed as it was on the Highway but they were not very interested!!.

The Chairperson now has all the old Wyke photos that belonged to Margaret Fitzpatrick. Many of these are now on a digital device.

There are calls for a safe crossing on the Granby/Wyke roundabout for Budmouth students.

Councillor's Report

Cllr Heatley gave a brief overview on the change of council wards and boundaries and the number of councillors involved. It seems that Wyke will now have part of Westham.

There is talk of widening the cycle track onto the old railway track that goes across to Portland. Cyclists are using the footpath along the Fleet. There are no signs for 'No Cycling' and the kissing gates have been removed making it a free for all. The Society have contacted the Rangers on this matter, which was first raised in 2020 just before the first lockdown.

There is hope that Redlands Centre could be saved but it is still in the balance.

Properties in the Band D council tax should be getting a small energy rebate. If Council Tax is paid via direct debit then it will appear on the bank statement, other forms of payment might take a little longer to sort out.

Ryemeade Lane Community area now has a small orchard of twelve fruit trees

Memorial Hall

All seems okay with the Hall, although they have suffered over the past two years with little income. Bookings are seen to be coming in again.

ject to monitor the air quality around their school. If you are interested in this problem please contact the Society.

Anti-social behaviour

Again, residents have reported the problem with drug dealing in the area. This has been reported to the Police. Problem areas seem to be Wyke Gardens, Crab House at Ferrybridge, and the Ryemeade Fields near the Wessex Water site around the emergency exit areas. The Police have been informed by the Chair. Residents must report whatever problems they see in relation to drug dealing or any other anti-social behaviour.

The sewage works lorry delivery continues to be a problem for residents, they are running many more lorries than previously agreed, Chair has emailed. Fly tipping around the Wessex Water site is still a problem. Chair to contact.

Dog fouling in the area is a constant nuisance. Please report any person you see not picking up after their dog.

AOB

The Fire Station Community Centre appears to be closed since the pandemic, which is a shame. The non-heritage-style railings at the Harbour were criticised.

The AGM is planned for Tuesday September 13th at 7pm at Wyke Working Men's Club, any suggestions for speakers would be welcome.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm, next meeting is Tuesday July 12th 2022.

Royal Crescent and Preston Road Practise

Telephoning the surgery

We recently conducted a survey asking patients who telephoned the surgery how easy they found it getting through. We are pleased to report that 96% of patients asked found getting through to the surgery either very easy or easy.

Our receptionists are trained to deal with all enquiries efficiently and professionally and can signpost to another service if appropriate.

If you have access to online services there are other ways you can contact the surgery listed below thereby freeing up the phone lines for patients needing urgent advice, and other health professionals.

- Please call before 10am if you need urgent advice or an urgent appointment.
- If your enquiry is not urgent please call after 10am.
- If you wish to book a non-urgent or follow up GP appointment please use Patient Online Services, such as SystemOnline, Airmid, or NHS App to book your appointment.
- If you would like advice from your GP, or are requesting a Fit note/Sick note, or other paperwork, please complete an eConsult request from our website
- If your call relates to Test Results, please use Patient Online Services, blood test results are available online,

along with a comment from your GP. Viewing results via SystmOnline or Airmid, also provides links to further information regarding the blood test.

- For other enquiries please check our website or visit www.nhs.uk which has a wealth of information and advice. Thank you for your help!

Welcome to Dr Matthew Grist

We are pleased to welcome Dr Matthew Grist to the Practice.



Dr Grist was previously a Partner in two practices in North Dorset, and also practiced in Yeovil before joining the team here at Royal Crescent Surgery. Dr Grist has taken over the care of Dr Chopra and Dr de Kretser's patients.

New service – Social Prescriber

Social prescribing can help a wide range of people who may need extra support with one or more long-term health conditions, mental health, loneliness and isolation, or have complex social needs which affects their well-being, ie money and debt issues, domestic abuse and employment.

Our Social Prescriber can help you feel confident about managing your health and its impact on your day to day life. All appointments are held at the surgery and can be booked through reception.

New Facebook page!

Please Like, Follow and Share our Facebook Page with your friends and family to keep updated on Practice information and events.

Before your Blood Test Appointment...

Make sure you are hydrated before your blood test appointment by drinking a glass of water.

If you are dehydrated when the phlebotomist performs your blood test, it can be difficult to draw blood from your veins.

Don't put off Cervical Screening

Cervical screening (a smear test) checks the health of your cervix. It's not a test for cancer, it's a test to help prevent cancer. During the screening appointment, a small sample of cells will be taken from your cervix using a soft brush. The test only takes a few minutes. The sample is checked for certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV) that can cause changes to the cells of your cervix. If these types of HPV are found, the sample is then

checked for any changes in the cells of your cervix. These can then be treated before they get a chance to turn into cervical cancer.

If you feel worried about cervical screening you are not alone. It might help to find out more about what cervical screening is. You could ask your GP or nurse or visit Jo's cervical cancer trust online. www.josctrust.org.uk Or call the free helpline 0808 802 8000 for more support.

You'll get your results by letter, usually in about 2 weeks. It will explain what happens next.

Try not to put off cervical screening. It's one of the best ways to protect yourself from cervical cancer.

Ovarian Cancer

Cervical Screening CANNOT detect Ovarian Cancer. Symptom awareness CAN. Ovarian cancer may cause the following signs and symptoms:-

- Vaginal bleeding (particularly if you are past menopause), or discharge from your vagina that is not normal for you.
- Pain or pressure in the pelvic area.
- Abdominal or back pain.
- Bloating.
- Feeling full too quickly, or difficulty eating.
- A change in your bathroom habits, such as more frequent or urgent need to urinate and/or constipation.

NHS Health Check

As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease or type 2 diabetes. Your free NHS Health Check can spot early signs and help prevent these happening to you.

The NHS Health Check is a health check-up for adults aged 40 to 74 who have not previously been diagnosed with a health condition. Patients with long term conditions such as Heart Disease or Diabetes, will already receive regular health condition checks. You will be invited by letter or SMS for your NHS Health Check. The health professional will ask you some questions about your lifestyle and family history, measure your height and weight, take your blood pressure and take a finger prick blood test. Your results can show your chances of getting heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and diabetes. You will then receive personalised advice to improve your risk.

Latest research suggests that:

- In every 30 to 40 people having an NHS Health Check, 1 person is diagnosed with high blood pressure.
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Next Meeting – Thursday 16th June 1pm-2.30pm held online via Zoom.

a clear run down the road. The keep clear is a temporary measure while we sort out yellow lines and are is not enforceable. We will continue on this issue until it is finally dealt with.
Cllr Dickenson is hot on the issue of bench repairs in our area and pushing for Weymouth town and Dorset council to agree to a repair policy and budget, the same is said of new public waste bins this should have been a priority for the new town council in our opinion.

We recently objected to the construction of three new houses on the green space along Overcombe drive. Although not a member of Weymouth town council I attended to speak against the overdevelopment and was supported by my fellow Preston councillors but sadly they were outvoted 2-4 with one abstention this will now go to Dorset council for a final decision and we will continue to oppose this. Myself (accompanied by Joanna Dickenson whose husband was at a council meeting) and Cllr Ferrari also attended the Sutton Poyntz society AGM at the mission hall which is always the most unique of all the community group meetings I attend and is always interesting and enjoyable and a great chance to hear about the good work being done and to meet residents. Cllr Bergman was unable to attend after testing positive for Covid but thankfully is well now.

Coombe Valley road has also been resurfaced and we are canvassing residents opinion (which has so far been positive) on the quality of the work. I

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The Return of Osmington Village Show

30th July - hosted by OsSoc

The Village Show is the event when the community can display (and show off) the vegetables, fruit, flowers, paintings and handicrafts in various competition classes. In fact, if you've grown it, painted it or made it, we want to see it! The day will be held on Saturday 30th July in the village hall in Osmington Village.

If you would like more details about the competition classes and an entry form then please email Diane at dmrood@gmail.com as soon as possible"

Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillor team

The Seven acres road saga continues while the keep clear marking has had some affect the problem still persists from time to time thanks to inconsiderate parking. I am still speaking with highways about getting yellow lines installed to create

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am also exploring the possibility of setting up a community speed watch similar to one set up in Littlemoor to help deal with the speeding problem we have around the ward please get in touch with your thoughts.

We are holding monthly surgeries from Preston village hall 10.00am - 11.00am on the 3rd July, 6th August, and 3rd September if you want to come discuss any issues.

Cllr Louie O'Leary on behalf of your Preston and Sutton Poyntz councillor team.

Overcombe WI

May 2022

Our meeting this month was our delayed Ruby Party, renamed 40+1. The meeting started with the announcement of the sad news that one of our founder members and past presidents Grace May had passed away the previous day. Grace loved a party and we were all asked to remember her that evening in our own way.

At the party we were joined by our neighbouring friends, Sue and Susie, the President and Secretary of Sutton Poyntz WI. The presidents table had three of our founder members together with two past presidents and there was a total of five past presidents who were able to be with us. A framed list of all the presidents and all members since the Institute was formed was

presented. This makes very interesting reading and brings back many happy memories for the membership. There was much laughter and merriment together with a glass of prosecco to wish our WI a happy birthday, a scrumptious afternoon tea (yes it was in the evening) and never-ending full tea pots. The members made an effort to wear a touch of red and the tables echoed the theme. Red and white bunting decorated the hall together with various birthday streamers. We were delightfully entertained by Nina Garcia who sang and played her violin. The evening finished with many members dancing around the tables before, with Nina's help, we stood to sing Jerusalem.

A very happy evening. Thanks were given to the committee for all their hard work in arranging the evening and to our men folk, many of whom helped with setting and clearing the hall and taking photographs. Our various clubs are continuing to meet including our second book club. The skittles evening is a fun evening, reasonably non-competitive and held monthly as are the singing for fun, and craft groups. The intrepid walkers meet weekly, come rain or shine and finish somewhere for coffee. The first garden visit was well attended and the second one is in the planning together with a summer meal. We are looking forward to our next meeting which will acknowledge the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Overcombe WI party

We are looking forward to the coming months and are enjoying the warmer weather.

Take care.

*Jackie Greet
President*

National Trust South Dorset Association

Tuesday 12th July at 2.30pm 'The International Space Station' a talk by Bill Coombes.

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Bridge Fair Trade Shop

A Fair Trade Nation

From the moment we drove into the car park of The Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) at Machynlleth we knew we were in for an interesting experience.

From the road the whole complex is completely hidden among the trees and our access to it was via a water powered funicular railway. Water is allowed to fill the tanks of the top carriage, the brakes are released and as the top carriage descends the lower carriage, with us in it, is pulled up. The water is then released to continue its journey to the river below. We took advantage of a fine evening to explore the site and discovered a slate quarry and the reservoir without which CAT could not exist. I have often wondered why there are so many mountains of slate in Wales and discovered that for every ton of useful slate that is quarried there are 30 tons of waste. CAT is built on the top of such a waste mountain.

Over the 2 days of the conference, we were treated to a series of talks in the circular Sheppard Theatre, an experience in itself. The walls are constructed from rammed earth and at 7.2 metres are the highest rammed earth walls in the UK. The 500mm thick walls soak up solar energy and combined with various ventilation options the theatre is kept warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

It was particularly appropriate for the BAFTS Conference to be held in Wales as in 2008 Wales became the first ever Fair Trade Nation. We were welcomed to Wales by the head of Fair Trade Wales, a small company funded by the Welsh Government, with 2 part time members of staff, a band of volunteers and board of directors. Since 2009 Fair Trade Wales have been working to support, grow and promote the Fair Trade movement in Wales. They always put people before profit and their vision is for an equal world that trades fairly so that everyone can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood. They work with both Fairtrade International and the World Fair Trade Organisation as well as supporting over 30 active Fair Trade groups who work with local communities and organisations

across Wales. They are also a part of the UK's Trade Justice Movement. Through Fair Trade Wales, awareness of fairtrade continues to grow in Wales and in 2018, 10 years after achieving Fair Trade Nation status, a survey concluded that people are proud to be part of a Fair trade Nation as it fits well with the identity of Wales and the Welsh people. Something indeed to be proud of.

A bonus for the shop is that we returned from the conference with a new range of jewellery. We met Lucy from Fairgrounds @ Good Taste in Sheffield who has just taken over importing beautiful hand-crafted earrings and pendants from a small village in rural Mexico. The women who create each piece use traditional jewellery making methods using skills passed down through generations. The earrings are all made using sterling silver hooks which I know will appeal to many of you so do come and have a look before they all disappear.

If you would prefer, or are not able to get to the shop, we can be contacted through our Facebook page The Bridge Fair Trade Shop or by email at thebridgefairtrade@gmail.com to arrange collection or delivery.

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Dorset Trading Standards

Dorset Trading Standards are working in partnership with the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) to warn residents about the dangers of loan sharks.

Loan sharks are unregulated, often give cash loans without any paperwork and charge extortionate interest rates. They may offer what appears to be a quick-fix small loan, but in the long term, any money borrowed will come at a very high price and may lead to violence, threats and intimidation.

In most cases, victims are introduced to the lender either through a friend, family member or work colleague. Borrowers believe the loan shark is just doing them a favour, helping them out, but the situation can turn nasty very quickly if repayments are not met.

The IMLT is a dedicated team of specialists working across the country that are leading the fight against loan sharks. They have helped thousands of people escape the clutches of these criminals and wiped out nearly £90million worth of illegal debt. They provide a confidential helpline service for people affected by illegal lending as well as information and guidance on how to spot the signs and report the crime.

It is believed that over a million people in England are currently borrowing from loan sharks. Borrowers are not in any trouble for accepting a loan from a loan shark, it is the lender that has committed a criminal offence.

If you are concerned about the activities of an illegal money lender and would like more information, support

and advice please call the IMLT helpline on 0300 555 2222 or visit www.stoploansharks.co.uk. Live chat is available on the website between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Royal Voluntary Service 'Royal Knitting' Display in Dorset Libraries

Earlier this year we started our 'Royal Knitting' Project, inviting people to knit and craft items to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, publicising it across Dorset and BCP. We have done similar projects before, but this one was special as HM The Queen is Royal Voluntary Service's patron.

We have had some beautiful items coming in, made and donated by RVS volunteers and clients, and people out in the community who have this special talent and wanted to be part of this celebration. We would like to thank everybody who has so kindly and generously contributed to our project.

The project will 'tour' a number of Dorset Libraries before the items will be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service in Dorset and BCP.

We are hoping to promote the Home Library Service at the same time, which is provided by Dorset and BCP Library Services and delivered by RVS volunteers free of charge to anybody who cannot easily get to the library; books and talking books are chosen for each person individually according to their personal preferences and delivered every three weeks, combining the provision of new and interesting reading materials with a regular visit by a trusted volunteer.

For more information on 'Royal Knitting' or the Home Library Service, please contact Maria Jacobson, RVS Service Manager Dorset and BCP Home Library Service, on 01305 236666 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

Age UK volunteers raise over £1 million

Local Charity Age UK North Southwest Dorset last year helped over 2000 older people gain an extra £1.2 million in disability benefits.

Age UK's NSWDs Information and Advice manager Richard Bristow, commented, 'Over £1 million in extra income going into the hands of local older people really makes a difference to pay for care and to keep warm. Our volunteer advisers and welfare benefit workers have done an incredible job more remarkable than for most of the year we had no office to operate from'. 'Our volunteers continued to support people over the telephone and by home visit to ensure they had full access to their rights and an understanding for their responsibility so they could make informed choices'.

Last year Age UK helped over 5000 local people, of which 2100 needed detailed advice and information. These people brought 3500 issues, 52% of which were disability benefit matters and 48% general advice including a mix of care options, legal issues such as Power of Attorney, housing problems, consumer issues, scams and access to a range of public services.

The charity based at Crown Square Poundbury, supports older people across Dorset to remain independent for as long as is possible, through its home support and independent living team.

The service welcomes interest from volunteers interested in training to deliver advice and information, contact them on 01305 269 444 for more information.

Age UK North Southwest Dorset is a local independent charity.

Weymouth and Portland Ladies' PROBUS

The Weymouth and Portland Ladies' PROBUS had their last meeting on 18 May in the Piano Bar at the Weymouth Pavilion. Our speaker was

Charlie Wheelan from the Swanery at Abbotsbury to give us a talk about the swans.

This excellent talk was accompanied by Charlie's magnificent photography. Swans are always gorgeous, but through Charlie's camera we had a most beautiful insight into the lives of Swans which left us amazed, amused and at times astounded at the information we were seeing and hearing. Looking at a swan will never be the same again.

In June, we will not be meeting at the Pavilion. We will be celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a cream tea at The Wishing Well. Our next meeting at The Pavilion will be on Wednesday 20th July and our speaker will be Hilary Green 'To See a Man About a Dog'.

There will be no meeting in August. Meanwhile, new members are always welcome to join us. We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10.00am in The Piano Bar at the Weymouth Pavilion. For further information and encouragement to join us at a meeting please contact:

Yvonne Skinner (Chair) 01305 779815 or Sarah Simpson at sarah_simpson2@talktalk.net.

month at the Moonfleet 2000 Bowls Club, The Marsh Sports Ground, Knightsdale Road, Weymouth, DT4 0HU.

Anyone who is affected by cancer is welcome.

C'Siders Zoom Meetings

The group meets at 7pm on the first Monday of the month on Zoom - please contact us for joining details if you wish to come.

C'Fit

This is still proving popular and has welcomed more new participants recently. Find out more at csiders.org/cfit.

Table Tennis

This has now been up and running for a while again at 2pm on Mondays at Wyke Regis Community and Sports Association, Ryemead Lane, Wyke Regis. It's a great way to be active and help improve stamina. You don't have to be any good either!! Come along - it's only £2 a session!

For those interested in improving, we are investigating funding and sourcing coaching sessions in the not too distant future.

For more information, please email info@csiders.org, call on 07430 695462 or find us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/csiderswp

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Family History meeting

The July meeting for the South Dorset group of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be on Friday 15th with a talk by David Taylor entitled 'Underground Dorchester'. As usual, it will be held at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, commencing at approximately 3pm with tea or coffee served beforehand. Admission is £2.

Please note there will be no meeting in August.

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Weymouth elected

Cllr Ann Weaving has been elected as the new Mayor of Weymouth at the annual council meeting on Wednesday 11th May, with Cllr Tia Roos appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Outgoing Mayor Cllr Colin Huckle was thanked for all his work in the role over the previous year by the incoming Mayor. Through the Mayor's Christmas Fund, supported by Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, £700 was given out to local community and voluntary groups during Colin's time as Mayor. He thanked council staff, councillors, and his chaplain Rev. Deacon Geoffrey Carey for their support over the past 12 months.

New Mayor Ann, who lives in Littlemoor, moved to the area from Woolwich 27 years ago after falling in love with Weymouth. She said: I'm delight-

ed to be welcomed as the new Mayor of Weymouth, having served as the Deputy over the previous year. It's going to be a busy time, and I am really looking forward to meeting lots more people who live, work, and visit Weymouth, as well as attending a diverse range of community and civic events.' Several other elections took place on the night. Cllr David Harris was re-elected as Council Leader, with Cllr Kate Wheller elected as Deputy Leader. Champions were also elected, including Cllr Gill Taylor as Community Champion, and Cllr Christine James as Armed Forces Covenant Champion. The following councillors were elected to serve as Committee Chairs: Cllr Ryan Hope was re-elected as Chair of Services Committee, Cllr David Gray was re-elected as Chair of Finance & Governance Committee, and Cllr Kate Wheller was elected as Chair of the HR Committee.

Cllr Peter Dickenson was re-elected as Chair of the Planning & Licensing Committee, and Cllr Howard Legg was elected as Chair of the Appeals Committee.

Friends of Weymouth Library

The Friends of Weymouth Library (Fowl) are hosting a talk by Alistair Chisholm, Dorchester's town crier on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 10.30am.

This will be held in Weymouth Library in support of the library's events and activities. Booking is essential. Please contact Weymouth Library on 01305 762410 or email weymouthlibrary@ dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Cllr Ann Weaving (right) has been elected as the new Mayor of Weymouth with Cllr Tia Roos (left) appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Greenhill Gardens

Sunday Music

Afternoons

Come and laze in Greenhill Gardens, The Esplanade this Summer and listen to the magical sounds of music by the sea. No entrance charge although a donation is always appreciated.

The following will be performing on the Bandstand from 2pm to 4pm each

Sunday:

- 3rd July - The Decadettes (Singers)
 - 10th July - Grand Reunion (Group)
 - 17th July - Tony Lowe (Singer/Entertainer)
 - 24th July - The Originals (Group)
 - 31st July - Farrago (Group)
- A full Summer's musical entertainment can be seen on the Events page of our website.

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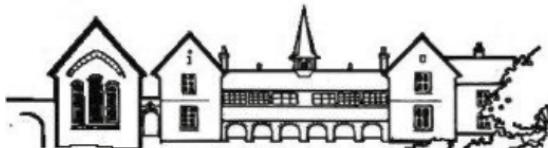
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The Friends of Greenhill Gardens
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Table Top Sale Trail

Sunday 26th June, 10.00am - 2.30pm. In dozens of driveways in the Lodmoor area of Weymouth, HQ in Beaumont Avenue, DT4 7RG. 01305 750557 email dinah.ellis@btinternet.com

Supporters sell their goods from their driveways and keep the proceeds, FOLCP benefit from sale of maps and registration fee and profits go to maintaining and improving Park amenities for all to enjoy, from the children's play area and green gym equipment to planting wild flowers and keeping happy homes for bees in the bee B&Bs! It is a real fun day out for families, spread the word and come and buy.

Weymouth beach to fly Blue Flag/Seaside Award

Awards recognise and celebrate Weymouth as one of the country's best beaches as international Blue Flag celebrates its 35th anniversary
Environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy announced Weymouth as one of the winners of the prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Awards for summer 2022.

Weymouth beach is among 128 in England granted Seaside Awards and 81 sites awarded with Blue Flag after it met the high standard required to attain these accolades.

Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Ann Weaving, said: "I'm delighted that our beautiful beach has once again received the Blue Flag and Seaside Awards, showing that Weymouth beach is among the best in the country. It's testament to the hard work of Weymouth Town Council and our partners that we continue to receive these awards year after year."

I'd especially like to thank our dedicat-

ed resort team who work seven days a week to ensure that Weymouth beach is a safe and enjoyable place to be for residents and visitors. Well done Team Weymouth!

Weymouth Town Council's Resort Manager Will Holmes added: 'Super excited to see Weymouth beach – the jewel on the Jurassic coastline – listed among the best beaches in the country by Keep Britain Tidy. Gaining this accolade is a real community effort so it's great to see residents care as passionately as we do about the beach and the environment. The awards represent our ongoing commitment to provide a safe, clean and well-managed space for all to enjoy.'

Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive, Alison Ogden-Newton OBE, said: "The success of Weymouth beach in reaching the high standards demanded is testament to all those who have worked so hard to protect and improve our blue spaces – from beach managers and volunteers to local residents and businesses. The huge commitment needed to maintain marvellous beaches worthy of these awards cannot be underestimated."

'People who visit a beach flying a Blue Flag or Seaside Award can be assured the beach will be clean, safe and meet the highest environmental standards, as well as international bathing water quality standards.'

The Blue Flag and Seaside Awards are aimed at improving the quality of England's coastline and promoting the country's best beaches.

Blue Flag is an international award managed by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. It is only presented to well-managed beaches with excellent water quality and environmental education programmes, while Seaside Awards are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline. Among the criteria beaches are assessed against are:

- Safety and services, such as first aid, lifeguards where necessary
- Environmental information including displaying details about local eco systems
- Water quality – Blue Flag beaches must meet the 'excellent' water qual-

ity standard as set out in the EU bathing water directive and Seaside Award winners must meet the 'sufficient' standard.

- Environmental management, including litter and waste.

ICA Services Update

When attending ICA activities or travelling on the ICA bus, please feel free to continue wearing a mask.

Unless otherwise stated, ICA's activities are for those aged 50+. If you're younger but impacted by disability or chronic, life-limiting or terminal illness some activities/services may be suitable. Contact us via: ICA's office (The Easton Centre), 01305 823789, office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk or Facebook.

Cash Bingo – Every Thursday, doors open 6.30pm, 7.00pm start at C2000 Hall, Easton. Raffle. 18yrs+. Bring your own refreshments.

Prize Bingo – Come along to the St George's Centre, Reforme on the 1st July, Doors open 1.15pm. Eyes down 2pm. Please note there is NO Bingo on the 3rd June.

Chesil Art (ChAT) – All abilities and ages. Tutor support. Materials available for first few sessions. £4.00 each session. Two sessions available, both 1pm–3.30pm.

Tuesdays at Wellworthys Sports and Social Club, Wyke.

Thursdays at St. John's Hall, Ventnor Road, Portland.

Car and Minibus (wheelchair friendly) – Car available for appointments and trips. Advanced booking essential. Operates with volunteer drivers.

Trips – Limited spaces. Costs for return transport. Refreshments costs extra. Call to book.

Friday mornings – Shopping at Tesco. £4.00 from Portland only.

1st and 15th – ICA Lunch Club at Foylebank. Lunch £6. Transport £4.00 from Portland / £5.00 from Wyke.

12th – Wellworthys Sports and Social Club Sunday Lunch. £5.00 from Portland / £4.00 from Wyke

22nd – Lynch Lane Garden Centre Transport £5.00 from Portland / £4.00 from Wyke.

Befriending – From companionship to help with local errands, personal correspondence or perhaps just a friendly phone call or chat over a cup of tea.

Exercise Classes For All Abilities – Stretching, stamina and core strengthening work. Great for joint problems, supports weight loss and helps maintain and improve mobility. Four sessions available:

Get Together Club – Gentle seated exercise. Fridays, 11am–12pm (followed by refreshments) at the YMCA, Reforme £4.00 per session. Transport available at £4.00 return.

Osteocise Exercise Class – Mid-range

exercise both seated and standing. Mondays, 11am–12pm at the Girt Hall, St Georges Centre, Reforme. £4.00 per session.

Fit+ Exercise Class – High energy. Wednesdays, 10.15am –11.15am at the YMCA, Reforme.

Yoga – Tuesdays, 10am –11am at the YMCA, Reforme. 16yrs+. £7.00 per session.

The Portland Shed – A space for adults to share and learn new skills, socialise and work on individual and/or community-based DIY, woodworking and furniture restoration projects. Monday to Friday (9.30am to 1pm) and Tuesday and Thursday (2 to 4pm). Monday/Tuesday (men), Wednesday/Friday (mixed), Thursday (women). Find us at 41 Chiswell, Lerret Ope, DT5 1AY. £15 annual membership + £5 per session + materials.

Wyke Regis WI

Our May members' meeting was our birthday meeting so we celebrated with a delicious cake made and decorated by members.

Two of our members who are local bee keepers shared their love and knowledge of bees with us - fascinating stuff and very funny at times. On 2nd June we got together for a delicious cream tea to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style and to wish her good health and many more years.

Here's a date for your diaries. On Saturday 17th September 10am to 12 noon we will be having a Table Top Sale in our hall in Gallwey Road. Tea and coffee will be available and we will be selling some lovely lengths of material at fantastic knock-down prices. Several other tables have already been booked for a fee of £5 selling arts and crafts and local produce. Tables are going fast so if you are interested in renting one contact us soon by phone or email.

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Royal Manor Theatre

Thank you to all of you who took valuable time out of your busy lives to come and enjoy Shorts, it means a lot to us that our community projects have done so well. One of our main constitutional aims is to share and educate everyone in the Dramatic Arts.

But onto current events, hopefully you're reading this in time to float right over to the Theatre on July 9th and July 10th. Our talented playmakers group, lead by Dave Mackay, are presenting "Not Quite Aladdin" written and performed by the group.

Aladdin is a poor, but kind, person who has a brief encounter with Princess Sapphire. After she disappears Aladdin goes on a quest to find Princess Sapphire and prove he is the one for her, but he must compete for her affections against the wicked evil Jaffa. Will Aladdin be successful in his



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quest? Stay tuned for the ticket release and more information.

Tickets should be available on the door or via our booking office or online.

StoryWorlds, based on several Thomas Hardy short stories, continue in earnest and we are always on the lookout for anyone who wants to be involved in filmmaking. We are still accepting submissions for help, be it acting, tech or running, so do get in touch using our email address, info@royalmanortheatre.co.uk.

Further afield we are starting pre-production on our late summer production of "A Bunch of Amateurs", a great play, written by Ian Hislop (cont. page 94) and turned into a film starring Derek Jacobi, Imelda Staunton and Burt Reynolds. We will be holding preliminary readings soon, but will be accepting offers from people who want to be part of the fun!

We will be returning to showing films on our 4K cinema soon, so if you have a favourite film, drop us a line!

And remember, if you want to get involved in anything we do, either in the Theatrical Arts, or helping maintain our beautiful space with your carpentry or DIY skills. Get In Touch!

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a beautiful setting.

Weymouth Town Council is asking for volunteers to join the Friends of Nothe Gardens to help support and improve the gardens. Friends groups organise events and activities, fundraise for projects like new play equipment, help keep an eye on the gardens, carry out practical tasks, raise public awareness and much more. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved and it's a great way to meet new people and help make your local area better. If you would like further information on how to help make the Nothe an even better place to be, please contact parks@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

DCH Charity supports the NHS Big Tea

Dotser County Hospital Charity is inviting people to join the biggest NHS tea party yet by hosting their own NHS Big Tea on the health service's 74th birthday – Tuesday 5th July.

Led by NHS Charities Together, the NHS Big Tea brings the nation together to celebrate the birthday of our beloved NHS, giving thanks to the workforce, whilst raising funds to provide the extra support needed for patients, staff, and volunteers. Communities can celebrate by making time for tea – another national treasure!

Last year more than 4,800 hosts signed up, collectively raising over £500,000. In addition to individuals, schools, community groups and organisations, more than 150 NHS charities were involved, including Dorset County Hospital Charity.

Simon Pearson, Head of Charity at DCH said: 'We are continually grateful to our local community for their incredible generosity and support. The Big Tea provides another great opportunity for people to get together, help the NHS and say thank you for the care they and their loved ones have received.'

This year, NHS Charities Together hopes to make the event the biggest NHS Big Tea to date, with a collective fundraising target of over £775,000. This will include donations from corporate sponsors including the headline sponsor Morrisons, who supported the campaign by raising £250,000 last year and will be urging their customers and staff to take part once again.

Ellie Orton OBE, Chief Executive at NHS Charities Together, said: "The NHS can't face every challenge alone, and the network of NHS charities is proud to have funded hundreds of incredible projects supporting staff, patients and communities. By hosting tea parties and inviting your friends, colleagues or classmates, the NHS Big Tea allows us to come together and say an enormous thank you to our incredible NHS – especially after all they've been through these last two years, and the ongoing challenges they continue to face."

'So, whether at home, in the office or in school, we're asking the nation to pop the kettle on, grab the biscuits, and raise vital funds to help the NHS go further this July.'



Amanda Pritchard, NHS Chief Executive, said: "No one in the country has been untouched by the events of the last two years and NHS staff along with our wonderful volunteers, workers who kept our shops and public

services running and those who kept schools and offices open across the country are no exception.

"The NHS Big Tea is an excellent op-

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Island Community Action, Volunteering Vacancies

A big plug for 1st Portland Scouts who would really benefit from some extra pairs of hands to support the existing team to deliver activities and engage the children in sessions. Full training will be provided, however, there is no pressure to complete the entire course and adopt a uniform. Potential volunteers will find a friendly pack, with opportunities to socialise, develop skills and confidence and really make have a positive impact on young people's lives, whilst having a great time making memories and friendships. Days vary depending on age-group supported.

Role subject to satisfactory DBS clearance and references.

If you're not quite sure about this role or the idea of volunteering in general, please get in touch for a chat because even the odd hour could really make a difference to a local person, project or Portland as a whole. Contact Katy Pascoe, Island Community Action, The Easton Centre, Portland, DT5 1EB / T: 01305 823789 / E: office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk.

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Parish of Wyke Regis

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8.00 am Said Holy Communion

9.30 am : Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee.

Wednesdays

10.30 am Holy Communion followed by coffee, normally.

In August this will be replaced by different evening worship like Evensong, and Taize, so please watch this space for further details.

All Saints Church is open for visits and private prayer from 10.00am to 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Please call in.

The first Sunday of each month will be a Café Church especially for children, with toast and refreshments at 9.30 followed by a short service of music, praise, prayer and a story for all the

family. All are welcome.

St Edmunds Church, Lane House Rocks Road.

Sunday

11am Holy Communion Service every fortnight alternating with Service of the Word led by Lay Ministers.

Wednesdays

1pm - Mother and Toddlers group is held weekly at St Edmund's Church in termtime, with Toddlers Praise on the first Wednesday of the month. Please bring along your children and grandchildren and meet up with others. All welcome.

Tuesdays

5pm – 6pm. A quiet evening service online with reflections and prayers can be shared live, or watched later, using the links below.

Livestream

The main parish service continues to

be livestreamed at 9.30am on Sunday Mornings which you can access from your own home. An order of service is published each week so you can join in with the hymns and prayers. You can connect to the live stream service on the following links:

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/WykeRegisChurch/live>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/all saints wyke/>

Parish website - <https://www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk/live/>

In addition to the livestream service the parish also runs a live local news programme at 6pm and a quiz at 7.30pm on Saturdays, these can be accessed on the same links as above.

If you would like to make contact with your local church, we can be contacted on Tel: 01305 784649

Email info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk

Events at All Saints Church, Wyke Regis. Dates for your diaries.

Coffee Mornings on Saturday 18th June and 16th July.

10.30am – 12.00. Book stall.

25th June. 7.30pm

Concert for Ukraine at All Saints Church featuring Dorset Wrecks and Island Voices, plus other local a Capella choirs with Portland, sea and Peace themes.

Tickets £5 on the door, in aid of the D.E.C. for Ukraine. Refreshments.

Picnic and Brass Band Concert

Saturday 2nd July in All Saints Church yard. Picnic from 3pm. Concert starts at 4pm. Bring your own chair and picnic. Free admission.

17th August at 6pm.

Choral Evensong by Laudamus, a Bryanston based group At All Saint's Church. Portland Road.

At St Edmunds, Lane House Rocks Road

Rose Queen Fete.

Saturday 9th July. Opening at 1 – 4pm. Something for all the family including various stalls, toys, books bric a bac, jewellery and refreshments. Please join us.

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portunity for communities to come together and pay tribute to brilliant staff and volunteers, who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic to keep us and our loved ones safe.

'The effects of the pandemic are still being felt even as the NHS and the country now looks to recover and rebuild, so the continued support of local communities remains as vital as it is hugely appreciated.'

If you are interested in organising a Big Tea event, contact DCH Charity for advice and support by emailing charity@dchft.nhs.uk. To sign up to host your own NHS Big Tea event and receive a fundraising support pack, please visit www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk.

For further information on how to support DCH Charity please visit www.dchcharity.org.uk

Age UK volunteers raise over £1 million

Local Charity Age UK North Southwest Dorset last year helped over 2000 older people gain an extra

£1.2 million in disability benefits.

Age UK's NSWDS Information and Advice manager Richard Bristow, commented, 'Over £1 million in extra income going into the hands of local older people really makes a difference to pay for care and to keep warm. Our volunteer advisers and welfare benefit workers have done an incredible job more remarkable that for most of the year we had no office to operate from.' 'Our volunteers continued to support people over the telephone and by home visit to ensure they had full access to their rights and an understanding for their responsibility so they could make informed choices.'

Last year Age UK helped over 5000 local people, of which 2100 needed detailed advice and information. These people brought 3500 issues, 52% of which were disability benefit matters and 48% general advice including a mix of care options, legal issues such as Power of Attorney, housing problems, consumer issues, scams and access to a range of public services.

The Charity based at Crown Square Poundbury, supports older people

across Dorset to remain independent for as long as is possible, through its home support and independent living team.

The service welcomes interest from volunteers interesting in training to deliver advice and information, contact them on 01305 269 444 for more information.

Age UK North South West Dorset is a local independent charity.

The Great Dorset Bike Ride gains momentum!

A twelve-year-old Scout from Poole gains support from Local, National and International brands for a fund-raising bike ride through Dorset this August!

Oli Lewis is one of the UK contingent, representing 1st Hamworthy Scouts and Dorset in South Korea at the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in 2023 along with 50,000 other young people from around the world.

The WSJ offers young people the chance to learn new skills that they can use in other aspects of their life as well as campaign for change on key world issues that matter to them.

One of the themes for the 2023 WSJ is Sustainability, and so to aid with the mammoth task of raising £3750 to attend, Oli began plans for a sponsored bike ride through Dorset. He was told to 'Dream Wild', and 'Think Big', and is doing exactly that!

Various local businesses including County Foods, Dorset Cereals, Poole IT,

and Elite signs have all now supported the ride. Meanwhile, outside of Dorset, Oli has received well wishes from Kellogg's, personal authorisation from Alistair Griffin to use 'Just Drive' on the videos, and has Multi-National Logistics Brand UPS fully supporting the entire operation- to include joining Oli on the ride!

The route, which starts in Bridport, covers some 80 miles, calling at various Scout halls and Rugby clubs before reaching Christchurch, and takes place the weekend of the 13th, and 14th of August 2022. For more information, visit www.gdbr.org

Your councillor update

Weymouth Town Council (Wyke Regis) and Dorset Council (Rodwell and Wyke Regis)

Wow, what a busy few days. Are you all feeling exhausted after the Platinum Jubilee celebrations? Whether a monarchist or a republican one could not help being swept up in all the recent community events. Nor can one help admiring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She has dedicated herself to the service of her country and to us and she has fulfilled that promise with grace and integrity. Integrity, a virtue that has seemed in short supply recently. Like all families the Royal Family have

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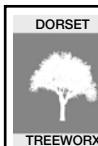


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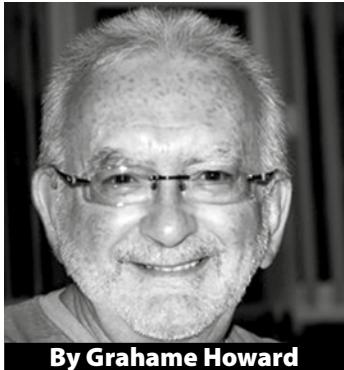
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By Grahame Howard

She Got Lost Again

If you remember in our last month's issue, I reported on the CO's navigational skills, or should we say, the lack of them. And she has done it again!

Two weeks ago she told me that she was going to take Charlie out for a long walk, but somewhere different this time. She declined my offer to escort her as she wanted some time-out. It was 2pm when she left.

After 45 minutes or so, she text me to let me know that she was sitting in the memorial garden around the lake, next to the bypass. I was impressed, this was quite a long walk for her. I received another text from her around 4.15pm, informing me that she was lost. As anyone would do, I texted her back to ask where she was. Another text came back, and I quote, 'If I knew where I was you twonk, I wouldn't be lost'.

I couldn't believe what I was reading, I mean, I only meant what vicinity was she in. But this is how she can be. If you can excuse the pun, I am walked over from dawn till midnight, I am sure you will agree, this type of abuse is terrible. However, I decided to take it all on the chin and being the loving and devoted husband that I am, I set off in search of her.

She told me that she had walked over a bridge on the bypass and she was now in a field surrounded by cows and pylons. From this, I deduced that she was around the Bincombe area and, this is where I found her walking down the lane without a care in the world. She tried telling me that she would have found her way in the end but knew that I needed the exercise so she called me out. Charming, I did remind her that on her new iPhone, she did have a compass and GPS but

she thought that she had probably deleted them for extra space. Would you believe it? Charlie was very grateful though, after all, it had gone past his tea time. Charlie looked at me as if to say, 'What a plonker, I could have died of thirst out here.' I did agree with him, she is a plonker.

Anyway, I got them safely home and I began my preparations for a Spaghetti Bolognese. I like doing this, especially the preparations cutting up the peppers, onions, mushrooms and garlic. The CO tells me that she has never tasted anything like this - ever. I don't know how to take this - a compliment or criticism? Whatever, Charlie likes being in the kitchen with me when I'm cooking. He just knows that something will drop on the floor from time to time. He's probably my biggest fan. With the meal completed, eaten and pots washed, we settled down to watch a film. As there is never anything watchable on the normal channels on Saturdays, I chose a couple of films from Prime Video.

As you will remember, I have a hearing loss so, I tend to choose programs with subtitles; it's easier for me. Not this night though, the subtitles were in Japanese and so was the audio. If you have never seen Brad Pitt speaking in Japanese, you would be in for a treat. After receiving 'the look' from the CO, I changed to another film but this had no subtitles, even though it had said it was subtitled. So I had to turn the volume level up so I could hear it.

Now the CO doesn't like the volume on high, I don't know why, I've tried to fathom it out for years. I mean, it helps the neighbours; they don't have to turn their volume up at all, I provide that for them. Well, this is what the CO says and she has to be believed, or else.

She looked at me and said, 'It's time to practice your lip reading dear.' I hate it when she calls me dear.' Anyway, this resulted in her getting 'the look' from me and we haven't spoken since. Yes, we have, I thought I would throw in a lie to shock you. The CO believes that is all I ever do - lie. She can be so judgemental and hurtful. I never lie, well, the slightest of exaggerations from time to time, that's all. I think it originates from the first time I met her. I was at her house - for the interview, and I impressed her with the fact that I had a nice flashy car outside. Perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned this as she

insisted in walking out to the car with me, to have a look. She saw a top of the range Jaguar parked there and she said, 'Wow.' I was satisfied with this comment, but she insisted on looking closer, that's where it all went wrong. My car - a tatty, rust-bucket old mini was parked behind, as I hadn't the key for the Jag, she suddenly realised that the mini was mine. Come to think of it, she gave me 'the look' then. I mean, it wasn't my fault. She maintains that I have tried to con her ever since.

This is so unfair, after all I have done for her since that night, she still holds that little oversight over my head. I mean, I am the love of her life; I once told her, 'Something in the way, you move, attracts me like no other lover.' But then she told me that I had pinched this phrase from George Harrison. Yes, I got 'the look'. You can't win them all!

Bye, see you next time.

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their faults and their trials, and the Queen like all mothers has borne them stoically. Not, perhaps, like the day to day trials that we experience, will our children get into the school of their choice, get the job that they want or find a house they can afford but worries never the less?

If we have learnt nothing else over the past two years it has been the importance of family and friends and community. I like to think that pulling together in a joint effort is a British working class strength although I am sure it is not, and that other 'socio-economic' groups and nationalities would also lay claim!

Did your street host a party, your WI,

Scout Group, or church? If you did I hope you all had a terrific time. All Saints Church in Wyke Regis pulled out all the stops on the first day of the holiday (Thursday); with tours up the tower and a go on the church bells, teddies on zip wires and over two hundred cream teas consumed. In the evening we attended a very moving church service, followed by a barbecue and music all rounded off with a wonderful gas fired beacon from the top of the tower. It must have been seen for miles – did you see it? Well done to all those who organised such a spectacle. My husband and I were very pleased to accept an invitation from the Chairman of Dorset Council to celebrate

the platinum jubilee at a service at Sherborne Abbey on the afternoon of the 3rd June. We were delighted that Hon Alderman Peter Rendell and his wife Ann were able to accompany us. A couple who have jointly devoted their entire lives to the community of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis in so many ways.

People from my road and surrounds were very informal with our Sunday afternoon gathering, a note through everyone's door invited them to come out and share food and drink. We had a nose in each other's gardens and caught up with all the news. We had such a great time we have agreed this becomes a regular event and not just once every seventy years.

Community stands at the forefront of Weymouth Towns Councils priorities. When we ask for your opinion on future plans it is because we really do want to know. Please fill in consultations and take part in the various events that will take place right across the borough. Keep an eye on the council's Facebook page and website.

At WTC annual meeting I was elected as chairman of the Human Resources Committee, not a role I have fulfilled before. I am looking forward to the challenge and I am sure it will be very rewarding.

I was delighted to be reappointed as Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Board for Dorset Council. As I have mentioned before every elected member is a corporate parent for every looked after child in Dorset. With officers and colleagues I have spent a lot of time making the board much more fit for purpose and I am now confident that we have a better relationship with our children and young people and continue to work to improve still further.

Each member of the board has now taken on a specific role and will work closely with a lead officer, children and young people in that field. I think they will find this will further enhance the relevance of the work we do, and give them greater insight. Our first informal board meeting was held this week, with full participation from some of our young care leavers. They brought a real spark to the discussions, gave us real insight and I look forward to many more like this. Now that restrictions are lifted and we are better able to meet we will again enjoy sessions with our younger children in care following all sorts of pursuits in just the way you do with your children and grandchildren.

You will be aware that Wyke has a by-election coming up caused by the resignation of Becky Blake. Becky herself won the seat on a by-election but subsequently suffered ill-health and was unable to continue. Before resigning Becky worked very closely with Cllr Hamilton and myself and particularly the parks department. Highlighting the failings of our play equipment in Wyke and taking a very active role in replacements. Also the improvements along the Rodwell trail, whilst not strictly Wyke Regis, was always a priority for Becky. It has been due to the prompting of Becky that the Ryemead Lane Community Centre is being revitalised. The community gardening scheme is now well underway and the activities in the centre are resuming. This is a great facility and deserves all our support. The board of trustees has diminished through ill-health and old age recently and we are looking for volunteers to take on trusteeships. I hope the successful candidate in the coming town council election will come forward.

My thanks to Becky for all her hard work over her short term of office. I know she is devastated not to be able to continue but her health and responsibility to her family must come first. We wish you the very best for a full recovery Becky.

Please remember; the best way to contact me is by phone 07850 060947; 01305 839747 (you can leave a message on either number – but remember to leave your name and phone number) or to email me at cllr.kate.wheller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Please continue to stay safe – hands – face - space.

*God Bless. Kate
Cllr Kate Wheller.*

HemingwayDesign appointed to lead on Seafront Masterplan

Weymouth Town Council has appointed consultants HemingwayDesign and New Masterplanning to work on plans to enhance the seafront and make it a year-round destination for everyone to enjoy.

The team will work up proposals that focus on the beautiful 3-kilometre stretch of coastline including the beach and promenade close to Weymouth Pavilion Theatre in the south, to Overcombe Beach in the north.

Wayne Hemingway, co-founder of HemingwayDesign recently joined town councillors in Weymouth for an initial engagement session which included a walkabout on the seafront to gather initial ideas.

Wayne Hemingway said: 'Weymouth seafront is a brilliant place but like all great places needs to keep evolving, responding to changing times and this is a chance for everyone, young to old, residents, businesses, visitors and those that have moved away but still have an interest in the town to have their say.'

Cllr David Harris, Council Leader, said:



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10.15am	St Francis, Littlemoor
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Osmington History

'Moonfleet', the popular 19th Century children's novel by John Meade Falkner, describes the eventful life of orphan and smuggler, John Trenchard in coastal Dorset. The book's longevity indicates the public has a fascination with pirates and adventure.

Smuggling grew in the UK as monarchs introduced tax duties on commodities to raise funds for the economy. King Ethelred II was the first monarch to introduce a toll on French wine being imported, and subsequent King's and Queen's capitalised on the growth of trade to raise money.

Tobacco, wool, cloth, horses, tea, coffee, chocolate, alcohol, food all became subject to customs duty and the Crown introduced Customs Officers at ports to collect it on their behalf. In Weymouth goods were brought to the Custom house on the harbour.

In the 17th Century, smugglers were widely supported by all levels of society, and corruption amongst Customs officials was rife. No one willingly wanted to pay taxes, and Custom officials were only too happy to help the smugglers bring goods in and out of the County, if it was worth their while. Smuggling as a crime was widely viewed as not a true crime.

The full extent of corruption was uncovered by William Culliford, MP for Wareham, who worked for the Board of Customs. He produced a report, which resulted in the widespread dismissal of dubious Customs officers through Dorset. This resulted in one of the dismissed officers shooting Culliford and nearly killing him.

The report also meant smugglers had to change tactic, and at the start of the 18th Century, instead of bribing local officials at ports, they switched to using remote areas on the coast to avoid detection. Queen Anne's war meant that smugglers were under less pressure from Crown officials, and the smugglers now formed gangs - with arms - so they were becoming a more organised criminal entity.

With the escalation of crimes and violence in the early decades of the 19th Century, punishment for smugglers became harsher, and although no one was hanged in Dorset for smuggling, there was a marked increase of imprisonment and hard labour. The normal penalty was a £100 fine, but if the prisoner could not pay (most couldn't as this was a huge sum) they would be imprisoned for about a year.

Smugglers used local public houses and churches to hide contraband and it is



Osmington Mills showing the coastguard cottages

Osmington and Osmington Mills

William Waters - Fisherman

1791 26 years old Crime: Assaulting and obstructing Custom officers. Bailed after 5 days

1819 55 years old Crime: Smuggling. £25 fine paid after two weeks

1821 56 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 6 months

1823 61 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 4 months

1827 65 years old. Crime: Smuggling £50 8 months

John Charles - fisherman (brother of Emmanuel Charles)

1791 19 years old. Crime: Assaulting and obstruction customs officers. Bailed.

Henry Bayley - Labourer

1817 44 years old. Crime: Offence against Excise laws £7 16s and 3 months

Joseph Waters - Fisherman

1819 15 years old. Crime: Smuggling. Acquited

James Champ - Fisherman and latterly Seaman

1821 26 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 6 months

1835 39 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months hard labour

1838 41 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months hard labour

Preston

George Hooper - Labourer

1826 29 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100

Charles Gill Hooper - Seaman

1827 22 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 13.5 months

James Wellsher - Fisherman

1828 20 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 1 year

1832 24 years old. Crime: smuggling £100 2 years

John Croad - Shoemaker

1832 20 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 1 year

George Wilshire - Seaman

1835 34 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months hard labour

Ann Miller (alias Ann Harvey) - Labourer

1839 33 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months

James Hellier - Butcher

1843 23 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months

Sutton Poyntz

Robert Hatton - Butcher

1791 21 years old. Crime: Assaulting and obstructing a Customs officer; admitted to bail after 6 days

Richard Miller - Labourer

1828 23 years old. Crime: Smuggling

£100

Andrew Pucket - Labourer

1833 22 years old. Crime: Smuggling £100 14 months

Stephen Squibb - Seaman

1835 35 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months

Hannah Osmond - Labourer

1838 46 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months

William Galpin - Labourer

1840 27 years old. Crime: Smuggling 6 months

(Smugglers roll as listed in Roger Guttridge's Dorset Smugglers ISBN 0902129538)

On 28 June 1832 the trial took place of Charles Bascombe and James Davis for the unlawful killing of coastguard Lieutenant Knight, who was beaten and thrown from a cliff by smugglers at 'Scratchus bottom' in West Lulworth. Both men were acquitted. An extract from the trial makes interesting reading, describing a group of 40 or 50 men armed with sticks involved in transporting 29 tubs of brandy.

John Duke, a commissioned boatman on the Lulworth station. He went with Mr. Knight on the night of the 28th of June about 10 o'clock towards Durdle. Witness fired a pistol to know where his party were, for he saw the blue light and two flashes, the report coming from the westward. He and Lieutenant Knight went towards Scratchusbottom, along the top of the cliff, when he saw 50 men, armed with sticks, and heard some firing from among them. As they were going down the hill to assist the people in the bottom, they were attacked by 12 or 14 of these men as they were coming up from the bottom. They formed a line across the officer's way. Mr. Knight told them if they used their sticks, they would receive the contents of their pistols. The men would not use them first; but these smugglers attacked them with their sticks, which they warded off with their cutlasses. Some more persons then joined the smugglers, and formed a ring round the officers, who fired their pistols at them, and they were then attacked afresh. The officers were then knocked down and beaten with sticks. Witness was dragged past the people in the bottom, the smugglers beating him all the time. Heard Mr. Knight say what brutes they were. Heard them say, "Let us throw _____ over the cliff." Four of the men were about to throw witness over the cliff, when he cried out, "If James Davis were here, and whose part I am, I should not be beaten in this manner." A man then interfered and pressed the party back. Witness's arm was much hurt from the blows he received. He could distinguish the prisoner Bascombe among them, who beat a stick over his arm in the affray. Had not known him before. He is certain Bascombe is the man. He was hit on his right hand; he had a cut on his left hand, and a long frack. When he heard the sound witness was bleeding, and one of the people said to the others, "He bleeds well and short, it will be soon over with him." They then left him, and he crept a little higher up the cliff, towards where Mr. Knight's petticoat trousers were. He then went down the cliff, and found Mr. Knight lying in the state already described, and found Mr. Knight much hurt and unfit for duty, and was taken to Lulworth in a sedan chair. Witness was then taken to Lulworth in a sedan chair. When

Knight was buried in Weymouth. His headstone inscription:

'Sacred to the memory of Lieutenant Thomas Edward Knight, RN, of Folkestone, Kent, Aged 42, who in the execution of his duty as Chief Officer of the Coastguard was wantonly attacked by a body of smugglers near Lulworth on the night of 28th of June 1832, by whom after being unmercifully beaten he was thrown over the cliff near Durdle Door from the effects of which he died the following day.'

Lucy Wyman
www.osmington-history.co.uk



The Picnic Inn, Osmington Mills, now the Smugglers

In Osmington mills, the activities of Emmanuel Charles have been researched and documented on the Weymouth History website <http://www.weymouth-dorset.co.uk/smuggling.html>

Smuggling gangs had a well-earned reputation for violent attacks on Coastguards, which was a stark contrast to our modern notions of romanticised piracy. They were armed and used brutal weapons, like flails to kill and seriously injure officials who tried to stop them in their activities bringing contraband ashore.

Emmanuel Charles was landlord of the Inn (now the Smugglers) at Osmington Mills and Tom Lucas landlord of the Ship Inn at Wool; they worked together to run contraband spirits on the Poole and Purbeck coastline. Richard Charles, who was the son of Emmanuel, transported the goods in his boat, Integrity, to various locations along the shore. The spirit was raw and had to be transported inland to be processed in illegal stills, presumably to Lucas in Wool. It was transported inland so the coastguard would not find it; once it had been processed, it was then sold. The gang at the mills disbanded in 1830 when Richard Charles was caught, his boat seized and he was sentenced to serve in the Royal Navy, much to Emmanuel's protestations that his son was unfit for duty. Subsequently, Richard met an untimely end being shot by the coastguard in 1835.

The Lyme Regis Quarter sessions 1724-1749 name local smugglers from our parishes. It is an interesting snapshot of the range of ages, occupations, genders of those caught smuggling. Presumably the 'bigger fish' were more likely to escape prosecution.

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Scrimshaw is the art of fashioning objects from or engraving pictures on bone or ivory. Its roots can be traced back to the 17th century Dutch whalers, but scrimshaw as it is known today began with the American whalemen of the 19th century. Clifford Ashley, in his classic book *The Yankee Whaler*, called scrimshaw "the only important indigenous folk art, except that of the Indians, we have ever had in America."

Prior to 1820 most of the teeth taken from sperm whales were used as items



of barter with South Pacific islanders who prized them highly. But, by 1820 there was such a glut of teeth, they had lost their value as trade items. It was at this point that purely decorative scrimshaw, i.e. the engraving of scenes on teeth, bone, and baleen, came into being.

Whaling voyages lasted on average three to five years, and months could pass between whale sightings. Whale ships were typically over-manned in order to handle the boats and the processing of whales. But, there was only so much shipboard work to keep a crew of thirty occupied. Scrimshaw became the most popular channel for pent-up energy, both physical and creative. It provided something for the otherwise bored men to do, and served as a check valve for emotional pressure. Some of the pieces were kept as mementos, trophies of the hunt, but much of the work was intended as gifts for friends and loved ones ashore.

With the passing of the whaling industry, scrimshaw went into decline, with few practitioners, until John Kennedy was elected US President and the public became aware of his scrimshaw collection. A collecting frenzy for antique scrimshaw was set in motion. Contemporary artists began to turn to scrimshaw and the art form experienced a renaissance. Like the scrimshanders of old, this new generation of scrimshaw artists engraved their pictures on whale ivory and bone.

With the enacting of The Endangered

Species Act of 1973, whale ivory became a highly restricted commodity. In 1989, African elephant ivory also had tight restrictions placed on it. Much of the ivory used by the scrimshanders of today are the ancient or "fossil" ivories. These include the ivory of the extinct woolly mammoth and ancient tusks of

Pacific walrus. Ironically, like many of the creatures from which the ivory comes, scrimshaw is endangered. The supply of ivory is finite and dwindling. This current generation of scrimshaw artists will, in all probability, be the last. But, this is also the time when some of the finest scrimshaw ever is being produced.



*In celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, a beacon burns bright on All Saints Church, Wyke Regis on Thursday 2nd June.
Photo: Courtesy of Kate Wheller.*



WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL BY-ELECTION Wyke Regis Ward - Thursday 07 July



CONTACT Steve

phone 07931 135233
email wykebrown@gmail.com

I'm Steve Brown, your Labour candidate for the Weymouth Town Council by-election on 7 July.

From my time in the hospitality industry, I've many years' experience with managing and seeing projects through from start to finish. Now I want to make a difference for Wyke.

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- Good quality local jobs
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THURSDAY 07 JULY

Organisations

Beachview Community Centre,
Beachview Close, Wyke Regis, DT4 9JA.
Bingo, every Saturday, 7pm
Coffee Morning, every Monday, 10am
Home-cooked hot lunches Thursday
and Sunday at 12 noon.
Call 01305 750541 to reserve your
place. All very welcome.

Blind & Partially Sighted
Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Weymouth Community Safety Centre,
Radipole Lane. Bingo/Excursions - Jen-
ny Clift . 01305 787065.

Breathe Well Weymouth
A support group for people with lung
problems. Meet 2nd Wednesday of the
month. 2.30pm - 4.30pm at The New Fire
and Community Centre, Radipole Lane,
Weymouth. Details chairman Mike on
07792846463 or 01305 814600.

Community Angels
Volunteer Support- Do you need
neighbourly help or could you volunteer
to help someone? Please 'phone
01305 834866 for more information.

The Cygnet Group
Third Saturday in the month, St
Paul's Church Hall, Abbotsbury Road,
10.00am-12 noon. For more details Eve
Hanney 01305 787220 or Joan Savage
01305 820668.

C'Siders - Cancer Support Group
Meetings on the first Monday of the
month on Zoom and the third Mon-
day of the month at The Moonfleet
Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road (Near
Weymouth Swimming Pool) DT4 0HU.
Meetings start at 7pm. Visit our web-
site at csiders.org, Facebook at www.
facebook.com/csiderswp, e-mail info@
csiders.org, or contact 07430 695462
for more information.

**Dorchester and Weymouth Branch
of Epilepsy Action**
Coffee and Chat Meetings, Jacksons'
Gallery in Fortunswell, Portland every
second Thursday 10.30 - 11.30am.
Suttons' Coffee Shop, St Albans St,
Weymouth. On the 4th Thursday each
month

Dorset Kidney Fund
Support for Renal Patients throughout
Dorset and South Somerset. For help
and information please call Diana Crow-
der on 01305 834954 or Sue Bithell on
01305 269293.

Friends of Weymouth Library
Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL)
group supports and promotes our
Library. We have a free knit & natter
and informal coffee morning (free biscuits
too!) on the first Tuesday of each
month from 10.30 and all are welcome.
Our programme of events, talks quizzes
and socials raises money for library
projects and equipment. Membership
is £6 pa but non members welcome
to our events. More details from 01305
832613/750557 or fowl8521@gmail.
com www.fowl2017.wixsite.com/fowl

Hardy Quilters

Patchwork and sewing group. Fourth
Monday of month 10am -1pm. Osm-
ington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane,
Osmington DT3 6EY. Contact Chantal
on 01305 835757.

Harbour Poets

Meet in Weymouth Library & Learning
Centre from 2-4 pm on the first Tues-
day of each month to read and discuss
poetry, and share writing we are work-
ing on. All are welcome to join us. No
bookings required.

Ladies Social Badminton.

Players needed for ladies badminton
Group. Meet Tuesdays at Redlands
Sports Hub.
More details please contact - Rose-
mary 01305 832456

Lip Reading and Communication Skills Weymouth Class

We meet on Mondays in school term
time, 12.30 - 2.30pm at The Frank
Reynolds Community Centre on the
Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3
5BY (Broadwey). Email: elizabeth.ian.
messer@gma

Littlemoor Library

Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm;
2.00pm - 5.00pm.
Wednesday 2.00pm-5.00pm.
Thursday 2.00pm - 6.30pm.
Fri 2.00pm - 5.00pm.
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Littlemoor Library

The library holds the following:
Writing Group every Monday at
10.00am.
Library Gets Lively Every Tuesday 11.15
- 12.00 noon.
Reading Group on the second Wednes-
day in the month 10.30am - 11.30am.

Mulberry Bush Pre-school,
Littlemoor Road. Children from 2 years
9 months, a fun and safe environment
in which to learn through play. Mon-
day to Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm. Contact
Nicki Saunders
Email: mbpreschool@standrews.dsat.
org.uk for more detail. Or just pop in!

The Menzies Art Group

Meet in the Menzies Room at the rear
of the Upwey and Broadway Memorial
Hall, Victoria Ave, DT3 5NG on a Thurs-
day morning from 9.30am -12.30pm.
(starting from 6 July).

Osmington Archery Club

We meet one afternoon a week in
the Village Hall throughout the year.
Sometimes in better weather in the
summer we shoot on private ground
at Milborne St Andrew. Please phone
01305 833460 for further details.

Osmington Leisure

Table Tennis is held on Wednesday
evenings (7.30pm - 9.30pm).

Osmington Lunch Club

The club is now meeting on the third
Friday of the month. A two course meal

is available with a glass of wine for only
£7. Guests arrive at Osmington Village
Hall at 12.15 for lunch to be served at
12.30. No washing up just company
and chat. Look forward to seeing you
there! To book a place phone Fran on
832430 or 07817825527.

Osmington Village Hall

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Parish of Wyke Regis, All Saints with St Edmunds

REector: Rev Brother Alasdair Kay.
Tel: 01305 784649

Email enquiries:

info@parishofwykeregis.org.uk
www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk

All Saints, Portland Road.

Every Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Com-
munion

Every Sunday: 8.00am. Said Holy Com-
munion unless Rector is away.

9.30am. Sung Holy Communion

St Edmunds, Lane House Rocks Road.

Every Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion
or Prayer Service of the Word

Every Wednesday in term time - Moth-

er and Toddler group. 1.00pm.

1st Wednesday of the month - Toddler

Praise 1.00pm.

Please see our block of parish informa-

tion earlier in the paper.

Preston Pre-school

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available.

Monday - Friday 8.45am to 2.45pm

For more information, phone
07826515321, e-mail prestonpre-
school@hotmail.co.uk or simply come
and visit us during our opening times.

Preston Table Tennis Club

Wednesdays 7.00pm and 9.00pm,
Westfield School, Littlemoor Road.

Contact Dave Clegg on 835108.

Preston Pantomime Group

Meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm at
Preston Village Hall

New members welcome from age 14

upwards

Contact Julie on 832620.

Portland Gig Rowing Club

Meet Osprey Quay for various rowing
sessions during the week and week-
ends and are open to all from 11yrs
and over. For more information, www.
portlandgigrowingclub.co.uk

Repair Cafe Weymouth

Volunteers repair broken items in re-
turn for a donation. Events are on the
second Saturday of the month from
10.30am - 12.30pm, except July and
August., The Top Club, Louviers Road,
Littlemoor DT3 6AY with free car park-
ing. Items repaired include electron-
ics, electrical, IT (PCs, laptops, gadgets
and games), mechanical including tool
sharpening, gluing, clocks, jewellery
and sewing.

See www.repaircafeweymouth.org or
'Repair Cafe Weymouth' on Facebook.
Email repaircafeweymouth@gmail.
com.

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursday 7.30pm - 9.45pm September
- May. New dancers welcome anytime.
Southill Community Centre, Radipole
Lane, Weymouth. DT4 9SF. Details from
Judy on 833660 .

Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group

Details from 01305 262121, or email:
heather.foster1@btinternet.com

South Dorset Caledonian Society

Ceilidh Dance Practice on Monday eve-
nings, 7.45pm - 9.30pm at Willowbed
Hall, Chickerell. £2.50 per session, inc
tea/coffee. www.southdorsetscaledo-
nians.org, e-mail: sdcsec@gmail.com

South Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society

St Aldhelms Church Centre Spa Road
on the 3rd Friday of the month tea or
coffee at 3pm and the talk at 3.30pm.
Contact no is John on 01305 776008.

South Dorset Woodcarving Club

Tuesdays,Upwey Old School Village
Hall 7 - 9 pm
Club Secretary Jennie Vallins
jennyanddavev@btinternet.com
07920144332.

SSAFA

Pilgrim House, 1 Hope Street, Wey-
mouth, DT4 8TU. (By appointment only)
Urgent enquiries: 01202 742934. Office
Number - answerphone: 077 26127
532.

The Light Spiritualist Church

Preston Village Hall, Preston Road,
Weymouth. DT3 6BH. Sunday Services
5.30pm for 6.00pm. Tel 07483 811516.
www.spiritualistchurchweymouth.
com

The Menzies Art Group

We meet in the Menzies Room at the
rear of the Upwey and Broadway Me-
morial Hall, Victoria Ave, DT3 5NG on
a Thursday morning from 9.30 -12.30.
(starting from 6 July) We currently
have a few spaces available for enthui-
astic painters! For more information
please contact Carol on 01305 787769

Weymouth Stroke Support Group

Meets at 10.30am for coffee etc on
alternate Tuesdays at Weymouth Bay
Methodist Church, Melcombe Avenue.
Further details from Gerry Barr
07580664210

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Shops

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59, Great George Street. Open Mon - Sat
9am - 5pm. Tel 787825.

10 Hardwick Street. Tel: 777774.

Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm

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Unit 11/12 Oxford Court, Granby Ind Es-
tate, Weymouth DT4 9GH. Tel: 770760.
Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Weymouth Classical Recorded Mu- sic Society aaa

Meets on second and fourth Mondays
of the month at 7.30pm - September to
Christmas and February until the end of

May. Meetings held at Weymouth Connect, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth DT4 7QL. Parking available. Please contact Mrs Roz Hope. Tel: 01305 815747, email: rozhope6@yahoo.com for further details. New members warmly welcome!

Weymouth & Portland Holzwicke Twining Association

Weymouth & Portland Holzwicke Twining Society hold various social activities in and around the area. All enquiries 832694.

Weymouth & Portland Branch, Fleet Air Arm Association

Meet 1st Friday of each month at the Wyke Smugglers, Portland Road, DT4 9AB. Full Membership open to serving or veteran members of the Fleet Air Arm. Associate membership to those with an association with the Fleet Air Arm.

Please contact Jeff Cook, Branch Chairman, on 07733333274, or email jeff.cook@faaa.org.uk

Weymouth and Portland Quakers

Meet first and Third Sunday of each month 10.30am at the Fire Station, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tea and Coffee

after. Doors are locked after 10.45am. Tel: 01305 788452.

Weymouth and Portland Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

Weymouth Angling Club, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Thursday evenings 8pm. Contact Ian Joseph 07802658848 or chairman.wpsac@gmail.com

Weymouth Ind Evangelical Church

WI Hall, Gallwey Road, Wyke Regis, Services 11.00am and 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Weymouth Carers Group

Meetings 11am to 1pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Bethany Hall, Westham Road, next to Wilko. For more information 07766 529297 and leave a message with your contact details.

Weymouth Dolls House Club.

Meet every 4th Tuesday, 10am - 4.00pm, Scutt Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Please bring your lunch. Details from Gayl Salt 832918.

Weymouth Drama Club

A local drama club for adults and young

people, meeting on various nights during the week.. For information on how to join, please contact the secretary, Jacqui Trent on 07709601567 or curtainraisers7@gmail.com www.weymouthdramaclub.com

Weymouth East Scout & Guide Groups

Beavers - Friday 5.30 - 6.30
Cubs - Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00
Scouts - Friday 7.00 - 9.00
Explorers - Thursday 7.00 - 9.00
Brownies - Thursday 5.00 - 6.15
weymoutheastscouts@gmail.com

Weymouth South Scout Group

Scout Hut – Ryland's Lane
Monday
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Tuesday
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.
Explorers aged 14½ to 17, 7.45 - 9.30pm.
Wednesday
Scouts aged 10½ to 14½, 7.00 - 9.00pm.
Thursday
Cubs aged 8 to 10½, 6.00 - 7.30pm.
Friday
Beavers aged 6 to 8, 6.00 - 7.15pm.
For general inquiries: weymouthsouthgroup@gmail.com

To join our waiting list: weymouthsouthwaitinglist@outlook.com

Wyke Regis Community and Sports Association

Monday
C'Siders - Cancer Support Group Table Tennis from 2pm to 4pm
Tuesday
Weenies - A group for Toddlers and their parents/carers from 9.30am to 11am.

Tuesday
U3A Table Tennis from 2pm to 4, pm
Tuesday
Prize Bingo from 7pm to 9pm.
Wednesdays

NHS Leg Club from 9.30am to 11.30am.
Thursday
NHS Leg Club from 9.30am to 11.30am
Friday
NHS Leg Club from 08.45 to 11.30am
Sunday
Wargames - all ages- mid-day to 5pm

Wyke Regis Library

Mon - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 6.30pm
Wed - 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5.30pm
Friday - 10.am-1pm
Saturday - 10am - 1pm

Wyke Regis Pre-School

Shrubbery Lane, Wyke Regis. Tel 789222. Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm. Term time only. 2 years 9 months until school age.

Wyke Regis Medical Practice

Portland Road, Wyke Regis – 782226
Surgery hours – Monday - Friday – 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

Wyke Regis Nursery

Shrubbery Lane. A safe, secure, relaxed and friendly environment, offering high quality provision (led by qualified teachers). We are a maintained Nursery housed within Wyke Regis Infant School and forming part of the Wyke Regis Primary Federation. Monday – Friday 8.45am – 3.15pm. Term time only. From 3 years. For more information tel: 01305 782470 or email us at info@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

Wyke Regis Society

www.thewykeregissociety
Meetings second Tuesday two-monthly, 7pm at Working Men's Club, Portland Road. Contact 01305 761993 or wykeregissociety@gmail.com

Wyke Regis Women's Institute

General meetings are at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at the WI Hall, Gallwey Road, DT4 9AJ. The various groups meet at regular times during the month with details on our website.

For more information:
contact us on 07719 312901 or at secretary@wykeregisiwi.org.uk;
or check our website www.wykeregisiwi.org.uk
or Facebook page www.facebook.com/wykeregisiwi/

Yoga

Sutton Poyntz. Small groups at our home studio on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also Chair Yoga (a standing and seated practice) at the Mission Hall on Wednesday mornings. Contact Isabelle on 07970 772963 and Lea on 07973 268836.

Local news

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"Weymouth is such a popular destination, with its award-winning beach offering a variety of attractions and places to eat and drink, and the historic character of the seafront. It's important for the long-term economic success of the town that it evolves to be a year-round destination for everyone to enjoy.

"Improvements to the beachfront should look at what sort of events and activities could be supported, including arts, sports, and festivals. Better access and signage for visitors and residents who want to enjoy a visit to both the town centre and the seafront should also be considered.

Dorset centres to benefit from £5 billion

Project Gigabit

Full fibre broadband is set to be rolled out to key public service sites in Dorset thanks to government funding. Pictured are representatives from Dorset Council who will manage the project, Wessex Internet who will deliver the project and officers from the government department BDUK (Building Digital UK). Long Description

Full fibre broadband is set to be rolled out to key public service sites in Dorset thanks to government funding. Pictured are representatives from Dorset Council who will manage the project, Wessex Internet who will deliver the project and officers from the government department BDUK (Building Digital UK). Schools, libraries and a visitor attraction in Dorset are set to be among the first in the country to benefit from next generation full-fibre broadband using the government's £5 billion Project Gigabit funding.

Dorset Council has been awarded nearly £900,000 to oversee the project and Blandford-based Wessex Internet has secured the contract to deliver the fibre.

Altogether 35 sites across Dorset are set to benefit and they are all in areas where there are no commercial plans to roll-out full fibre broadband.

Without this investment, these important public services could have to wait years before they enjoy the fastest possible internet speeds. By bringing the fibre to these areas, it will mean the infrastructure is in place to make it easier for surrounding residents and businesses to one day also benefit from this latest technology.

Dorset Council's portfolio holder for Corporate, Transformation and Digital, Cllr Jill Haynes, said: "This is fantastic news for many areas of Dorset that would otherwise have been left behind as we all start to move to gigabit-capable broadband speeds.

"It will bring immediate benefit to the sites included in the plans and it will also make it easier for residents and businesses in those areas to look to upgrade their broadband one day.

'Our reliance on very good broadband speeds is only going to become more important as technology evolves and investment like this will provide certainty for these communities' futures.'

Among the 35 sites included in this 'Gigahub Connectivity in Rural Dorset Project' are 22 primary and secondary schools – from the Purbecks in the south to Gillingham in the north. Durlston Country Park is also set to be connected and the funding will also help two libraries, a care home and a children's centre.

The first sites are due to be connected in June 2022 and all sites will be completed by September next year.

Weymouth and District Model Engineering Society

Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Saturday from 10am at Budmouth College, Chickerell Road. Talks on Tuesday during Winter months. www.weymouth-dmes.co.uk. Andy, Secretary 01305 459677 or andy@hsme.co.uk

Weymouth Floral Design Group

New Venue Now Meeting at the Holy Trinity School, Cross Road, Weymouth. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Meetings held usually 3rd Thursday of the month (except August no meeting & Dec meeting on the 2nd Thursday)

Weymouth Movie Makers (formally Weymouth Cine & video Club)

Meet from September to May on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Centenary Club 21 Jubilee Close, Weymouth www.weymouthmoviemakers.weebly.com E: weymouthmoviemakers@gmail.com Chairman Anne Vincent Tel: 01305 780140.

Whist & Military Whist Drive

Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road. Tuesday, start 2.00pm. Further details on 784056.

Whist Drive

Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Every Monday at 7.30pm

Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Trading Post Openings. Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm; Wed 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Annual Membership £5 may be taken out at our shop during opening times. www.wrhs.org.uk

Wyke Regis Community Association

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